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I am in favor of the Microsoft settlement. In fact I believe the suit was ill-founded as no consumer has been hurt by Microsoft; to the contrary; Microsoft has helped the consumer both technologically and financially. Computers and peripherals are now compatible and speak to each other. I believe we owe much of the economic prosperity of the last decade to Microsoft and its innovations which have allowed for higher productivity and made computers easy for the layman to use (including my 72 year old mother). I want to see the US remain open to innovation and not stifle it. I do not want to see innovative people and companies move abroad seeking that freedom if it is threatened here. Our antitrust laws as I understand them were drawn to protect the consumer not the competitor. The laws in Europe are the other way around and we can easily see how much it has stifled innovation there.

Sincerely,

Joy Fowler Spragens

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